

REMARKS

Claim Rejections

Claims 1-15 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as allegedly being unpatentable over U.S. Pat. Pub. No. 2001/002906 to Rune ("Rune") in view of KPA 10-2001-0004954 to Jang et al. ("Jang"). The Examiner alleges that Rune discloses a transceiving unit 601 and a controller 602 and 603 which analyzes and transmits packets according to the destination address of the packet (paragraphs [0035-0037]), and further alleges that Jang discloses selection of a slave server as a temporary master based on slot usage.

In the Office Action, the Examiner concedes that the prior art does not disclose or suggest increasing the number of slot usage according to a destination recorded in the packet. In the subsequent Advisory Action, dated June 22, 2007, the Examiner alleges that the amendments to claims 1, 7, 10 and 13 do not accurately reflect the language necessary to overcome the rejection. Applicants have therefore amended claims 1, 7, 10 and 13 to recite "increasing a number of slot usage," to be consistent with allowed claim 16 as suggested by the Examiner.

Also, in the Advisory Action, the Examiner alleges that the specification does not disclose that the controller, as recited in claim 1, causes an increase in the slot usage. Applicants submit that the controller as claimed is supported in the specification at least, for example, at pages 3-4, paragraphs [012-013]. Further, Applicants note that claims 1, 7, 10 and 13 are independent claims and their terminology need not be consistent with one another.

Applicants respectfully submit that independent claim 1, 7, 10 and 13 are now patentable over the prior art. Claims 2-6, 8, 9, 11, 12, 14 and 15, which depend from one of claim 1, 7, 10 and 13 are patentable at least by virtue of their dependence.

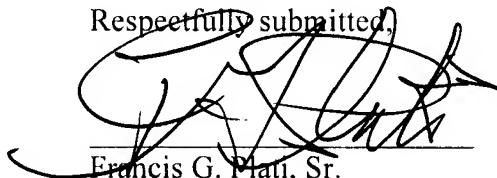
Allowable Subject Matter

Applicants thank the Examiner for the indication that claims 16-18 have been allowed.

Conclusion

In view of the above, reconsideration and allowance of this application are now believed to be in order, and such actions are hereby solicited. If any points remain in issue which the Examiner feels may be best resolved through a personal or telephone interview, the Examiner is kindly requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

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